

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. John Brenden (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 27, 4/20/2015

Executive Action: HJ 27 Be Concurred In; HB 402 Be Concurred In As Amended

HEARING ON HJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD38, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Joint resolution for Interim study of statutory appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:35 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:07:13 Sen. Brenden joined the meeting.

00:12:35 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MONTAX)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:13 Sen. Keane

00:14:45 John Esp, representing himself

00:15:05 Sen. Sesso

00:15:49 Rep. Holmlund

00:16:30 Sen. Sesso

00:17:47 Sen. Rosendale joined the meeting.

00:18:17 Rep. Holmlund

00:18:32 Sen. Sesso

00:19:22 Amy Carlson, legislative fiscal analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:06 Rep. Holmlund

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 27

00:20:58 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HJ 27 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:21:09 Sen. Ripley

00:21:32 Sen. Hamlett

00:21:58 Sen. Phillips

00:22:43 Chair Jones

00:24:18 Sen. Keane

00:24:33 Chair Jones

00:24:38 Sen. Hansen

00:25:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Rosendale voting no. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 402

00:27:04 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION ON HB 402.**

Discussion:

00:27:15 Sen. Moore

00:27:41 Sen. Keane

00:28:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:28:54 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 402 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:29:07 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 402 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

00:30:19 Sen. Keenan

00:30:29 Sen. Keane

00:30:46 Sen. Moore

00:30:57 Chair Jones

00:32:45 Sen. Ripley

00:32:55 Chair Jones

00:33:22 Sen. Keane

00:33:34 Chair Jones

00:33:39 Sen. Keane

00:33:57 Sen. Keenan

00:34:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:34:29 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 402 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:34:32 Sen. Blasdel joined the meeting.

00:34:38 Sen. Keane

00:34:54 Sen. Sesso

00:35:46 Sen. Hamlett

00:36:07 Sen. Howard

00:36:37 Sen. Sesso

00:37:58 Sen. Moore

00:38:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Brenden will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:40 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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